(c) So far, the Act of 1993 has been adopted by 20 States and all UTs. 5 States Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have reported that there are no dry latrines or they are scavengers free, 2 States of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have enacted their own Act. The State of Jammu and Kashmir is yet to adopt the Act.

(d) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have been impressed upon time and again to adopt the Act.

Demand and supply of 'Dals'

*132. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected demand and supply of different types of Dals in the country during the next three years; and

(b) what steps Government is taking to ensure that there would be no shortage of these Dals required by the poorest people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Table below gives the projected demand and supply (production) of total pulses for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10:

(*Million Tonnes*)

Year	Projected Demand	Projected Production
2007-08	16.77	13.61
2008-09	17.51	13.65
2009-10	18.29	13.68

Pulse-wise data on demand and supply are not available.

The gap between demand and supply is met through imports. In order to increase the production of pulses and reduce import dependence, an Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is under implementation with effect from April, 2004 in the country *inter-alia*, to promote production of pulses. Recently, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" has been launched in the country from 2007-08 for increasing the production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of the Eleventh Plan, *i.e.*, by 2011-12 through area expansion and productivity enhancement in targeted districts.

Increasing the productivity of vegetables

*133. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government is taking to increase the productivity of potato, onion, tomato, etc. to reduce the cost of production and increase the supply; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that there would be no more shortage of these food items round the year all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, namely

Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM), aim at increasing the production and productivity of horticultural crops including potato, onion and tomato. Under these schemes assistance is provided to the farmers for quality planting material of elite cultivars, adoption of new technologies, integrated pest management, integrated nutrient management and farm mechanization. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing schemes which provide assistance for production of vegetables such as tomato, capsicum, etc. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Micro-irrigation provides assistance to farmers for efficient use of water. These measures are expected to enhance the productivity of horticultural crops including potato, onion and tomato, reduce their cost of production and increase the supply to meet round the year demand of these food items.

Trips agreement for protection of undisclosed test

*134. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in February, 2004, Government had set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, to consider the steps to be taken in the context of the provision of Article 39.3 of the TRIPS Agreement for protection of undisclosed test and other data submitted to the Regulator for seeking market approval of agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals; and

(b) if so, whether the Committee has recommended a number of measures in its report on May 31st, 2007 including amendments to the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 to give effect its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes , Sir, The Government had set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee (later on modified to Consultative Group) on 19th February, 2004 to assist the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals to make appropriate recommendations on the the measures to be taken regarding Article 39.3 of TRIPS. The following specific issues were for consideration:—

(i) Steps to be taken in the context of Article 39.3 of TRIPS Agreement;

(ii) Whether data protection can be offered under the existing legal provisions or an appropriate new dispensation is required.

(b) Yes, Sir, The Report has since been submitted to the Department of Commerce on 31.5.2007 and the complete report along with the recommendations is also available on the Website of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals *www. chemicals.gov.in.* The Committee has recommended that based on its recommendations Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare may carry out suitable amendments in the Insecticides Act, 1968 and Relevant Rules and Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 respectively.